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EVENT: Indictment

Defendant: Daniel Saab

FORMER DEARBORN POLICE OFFICER INDICTED

A former Dearborn Police officer was arraigned in United States District Court today on an indictment by a federal grand jury in Detroit on charges of producing a false police report and tampering with witnesses and evidence, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Andrew G. Arena, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Daniel Saab, 38, of Dearborn, Michigan, was arraigned on one count of witness tampering and one count of tampering with evidence.

The indictment charged that Saab, while employed as a corporal with the City of Dearborn Police Department, knowingly made a false police report and attempted to influence a witness by having the witness falsely corroborate the false police report at a supervised release violation hearing that was scheduled in federal court on June 20, 2007. Saab also attempted to have the witness manufacture or obtain false documents to present as evidence at the hearing.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "Today's charges involve conduct by a police officer who allegedly tampered with the evidence and attempted to undermine the

integrity of the federal judicial system. Whenever a law enforcement official is involved in a crime, a crucial bond of trust is broken and the safety of the entire community is put at risk. I would like to thank the Dearborn Police Department for bringing this conduct to light and assisting the federal authorities in this investigation."

Under the statute Saab faces up to 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr. Murphy commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their investigation, and the Dearborn Police Department, for bringing the allegations to the attention of the government and for their cooperation and assistance which led to this indictment.